THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE

January 15, 2026
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTION 17 OF THE *PLANNING ACT*, R.S.O. 1990, AS AMENDED, IN RESPECT TO A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN 2051 (MAY 2024)

Re: Amendment to City of Barrie Official Plan 2051 (May 2024)

TAKE NOTICE that the Affordability Committee of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Barrie will hold a public meeting for a City-initiated amendment to the Official Plan 2051 (May 2024) on **Wednesday, February 04, 2026 at 6:00PM**

THE PURPOSE of the Official Plan Amendment application is to make the City's Official Plan consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (PPS 2024), which came into effect on October 20, 2024. The Official Plan is the policy document that directs the future use of land, development, infrastructure and community building within the City, and it is required to be consistent with provincial planning legislation. PPS 2024 replaces the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS 2020) and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan).

An initial public meeting was held on February 26, 2025 followed by Staff Report DEV009-25 on March 19, 2025. By direction 20-G-054, General Committee referred the report back to staff for additional consultation, with particular regard to the impact of the change to the uses permitted in the City's current Employment Area.

Revisions to the original draft Official Plan Amendment include a new Service Industrial designation, in addition to the previously proposed Business Commercial designation, and modifications to the text related to Employment. These changes require a second public meeting for this City initiated Official Plan Amendment.

The initial proposed Official Plan Amendment contemplated replacing the existing Employment Area – Non-Industrial designation with a new designation called Business Commercial. The draft Official Plan Amendment now proposes the introduction of two new designations for lands currently identified in the Employment Area that no longer meet the definition of Employment Area

as amended by the PPS 2024 but continue to generate employment in the City. The proposed amendments to the Official Plan include:

- Aligning the definition of Employment Area with the PPS 2024, meaning those areas are designated in an official plan for clusters of business and economic activities including manufacturing, research and development in connection with manufacturing, warehousing and goods movement, and associated retail and office uses, and ancillary facilities;
- Adding new land use designations, Business Commercial and Service Industrial, intended to recognize lands that no longer meet the definition of Employment Area, and includes institutional, industrial, offices and commercial uses in association with or contributing to a primary employment use; and,
- General wording revisions to all sections of the plan that reference the PPS 2020 and the Growth Plan.

The public meeting will be held in a virtual forum with electronic participation and in-person at City Hall. The meeting will be livestreamed on the City's YouTube Channel http://youtube.com/citybarrie.

If you wish to provide oral comments (virtually or in-person) at the public meeting, please register in advance by emailing: cityclerks@barrie.ca or calling 705-739-4220, Ext. 5500 during regular office hours prior to **Wednesday, February 4, 2026, by 12:00 p.m**. Once you register, you will be provided information from the Legislative Services Branch on how to make your submission. If you would like to participate virtually, you will need access to a computer with internet service or a telephone.

Any person may attend the meeting and make representation or present submission respecting this matter. If you wish to make a written submission concerning this matter, please email or mail written comments to cityclerks@barrie.ca or City Hall, 70 Collier Street, PO Box 400, Barrie, ON L4M 4T5 (attention: City Clerk). Written comments must be received by **Wednesday, February 4, 2026, by 12:00 p.m**.

Notification of the approval of the Official Plan Amendment by the City will be provided upon written request to the undersigned file manager in the Development Services Department – Planning Division.

If a person or public body who would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the City of Barrie to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the City of Barrie in respect of the proposed Official Plan Amendment before the Corporation of the City of Barrie gives or refuses to give approval to the Official Plan Amendment:

(a) the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of The City of Barrie to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT); and

(b) the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the OLT unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

All information including opinions, studies, presentations, reports, are considered part of the public record. The submission is posted under Official Plan page on the City's website at the following link: https://barrie.ca/OfficialPlan. No key map is provided in this notice, as this Official Plan Amendment would apply City-wide.

Any person wishing further information or clarification regarding the Official Plan Amendment or the Provincial Planning Statement (2024) can contact the undersigned directly:

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